

60135

Glass-coated, high-shocked Anorthosite

137.7 grams



Figure 1: Photo of 60135. Tick marks are 1 cm. NASA S72-37967.

Introduction

60135 is a glass covered, round object with a coarse-grained, highly shocked cumulate interior (figure 1). The glass coating on one side has been eroded off by micrometeorite bombardment, exposing the interior (figure 7). The glass composition is that of a soil and the interior rock is a ferroan anorthosite. It was found sitting perched on the regolith, but may have been kicked up.

Petrography

Warren et al. (1983) find the interior rock fragment is a “coarse grain cumulate – highly shocked but not brecciated”. They conclude that it originated as a coarse cumulate, with subhedral cumulus plagioclase crystals up to 4.4 mm across, and anhedral, poikilitic, intercumulus pyroxene crystals in optical continuity

up to 5 mm apart. Mineral analyses indicate it is a ferroan anorthosite (figure 4).

Mineralogy

Olivine: not reported

Pyroxene: Pyroxene is pigeonite ($\text{Wo}_3\text{En}_{64}$) typical of ferroan anorthosite (Warren et al. 1983). Exsolution lamellae are lacking, but may have been homogenized.

Mineralogical Mode of 60135

	Warren et al. 1983	
Plagioclase:	95 %	75
Pyroxene:	5	25

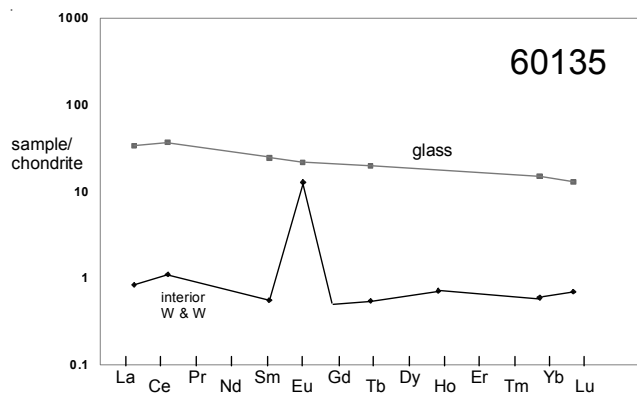


Figure 2: Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for 60135 showing that the glass coating was not made from the interior rocklet (data from Warren and Wasson 1983).

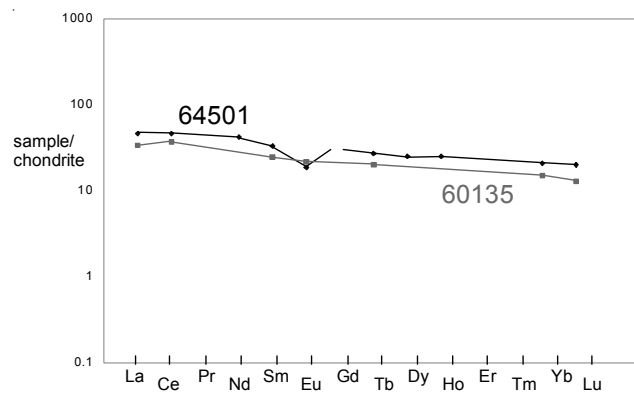


Figure 3: Normalized rare-earth-element pattern for glass on 60135 (Morris et al. 1983) compared with soil 64501 (Papike et al. 1982).

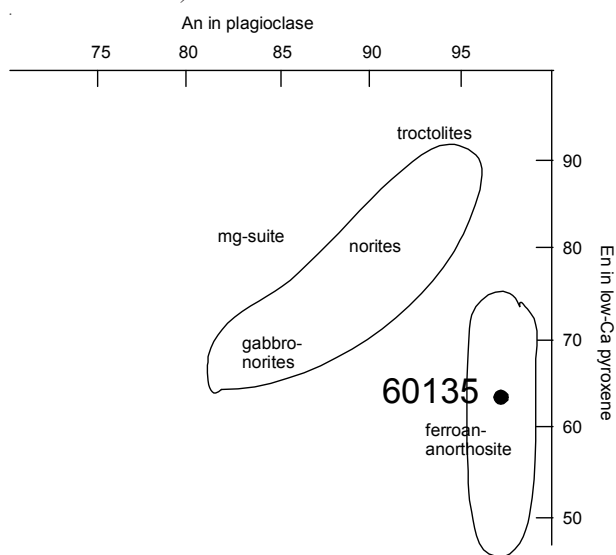


Figure 4: Plagioclase and pyroxene composition of interior of 60135 compared with known lunar rocks.

Plagioclase: Plagioclase is maskelynite with composition An_{96-98} (Warren et al. 1983).

Ilmenite: not reported

Chemistry

Warren et al. (1983) found that the interior of this glass “egg” was highly aluminous as did See et al. (1986). Warren et al. analyzed two splits and found different results do to sampling error of such a coarse grained sample (average is given in table 1). See et al. (1986) and Morris et al. (1986) analyzed the glass and found it was rather like the soil and very unlike the interior (figures 2 and 3). Eldridge et al. (1973) analyzed the whole egg.

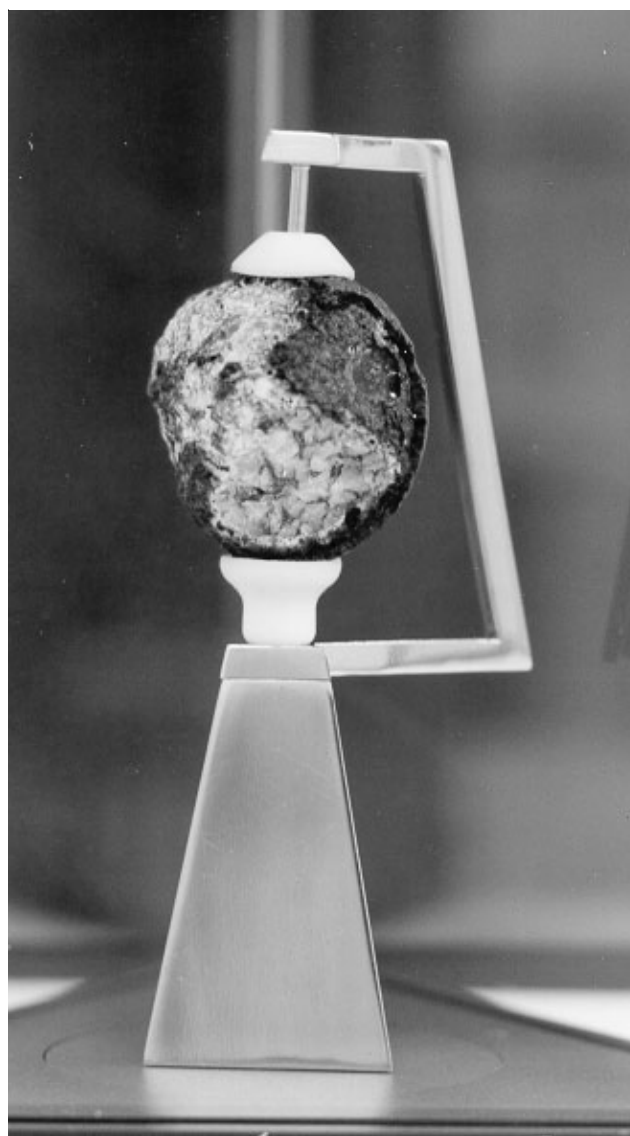


Figure 5: Lunar Sample 60135 on display. NASA S94-39619.

Table 1. Chemical composition of 60135.

<i>reference</i>	Eldridge 73	See 86		Morris 86	rock Warren 83
<i>weight</i>	bulk	glass	anor	glass	(ave)
SiO ₂ %		43.69	43.91	(a) 43.69	(a) 44.9
TiO ₂		0.17	0.02	(a) 0.17	(a) 0.006
Al ₂ O ₃		3.77	35.24	(a) 30.77	(a) 32.7
FeO		3.55	0.55	(a) 4.77	(b) 2.3
MnO					0.04
MgO		3.82	0.5	(a) 3.82	(a) 2.8
CaO		17.2	19.26	(a) 17.2	(a) 17.6
Na ₂ O		0.33	0.35	(a) 0.35	(b) 0.32
K ₂ O	0.018	(c) 0.05	0.04	(a) 0.05	(a) 0.004
P ₂ O ₅					
S %					
<i>sum</i>					
Sc ppm				5.21	(b) 4.6
V					
Cr				706	(b) 399
Co				43	(b) 4.8
Ni				632	(b) 11
Cu					
Zn					5
Ga					3.1
Ge ppb					93 (d)
As					
Se					
Rb					
Sr					157
Y					
Zr					10
Nb					
Mo					
Ru					
Rh					
Pd ppb					
Ag ppb					
Cd ppb					14 (d)
In ppb					
Sn ppb					
Sb ppb					
Te ppb					
Cs ppm					
Ba				87	(b) 9
La				7.88	(b) 0.2
Ce				22.4	(b) 0.67
Pr					
Nd					
Sm				3.61	(b) 0.083
Eu				1.21	(b) 0.72
Gd					
Tb				0.72	(b) 0.02
Dy					
Ho					0.04
Er					
Tm					
Yb				2.39	(b) 0.098
Lu				0.31	(b) 0.017
Hf				2.3	(b) 0.06
Ta				0.27	(b) 0.0057
W ppb					
Re ppb					0.11 (d)
Os ppb					
Ir ppb					3.13 (d)
Pt ppb					
Au ppb					1.07 (d)
Th ppm	0.27	(c)		1.64	(b) 0.018
U ppm	0.068	(c)		0.46	(b)
<i>technique: (a) emp, (b) INAA, (c) rad. Counting, (d) RNAA</i>					

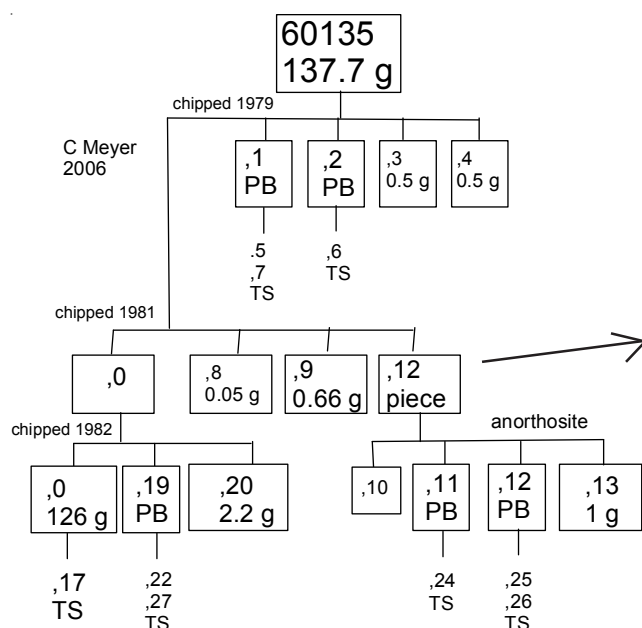


Figure 6: The piece (.12) that was chipped in 1981 (see diagram).

Cosmogenic isotopes and exposure ages

Eldridge et al. (1973) determined the cosmic-ray-induced activity of $^{22}\text{Na} = 40$ dpm/kg. and $^{26}\text{Al} = 160$ dpm/kg.

Processing

One end of this glass “egg” has been sampled carefully, several times, to preserve the majority of it (figures 6 and 7). It is now used as a display sample for very special occasions (figure 5).

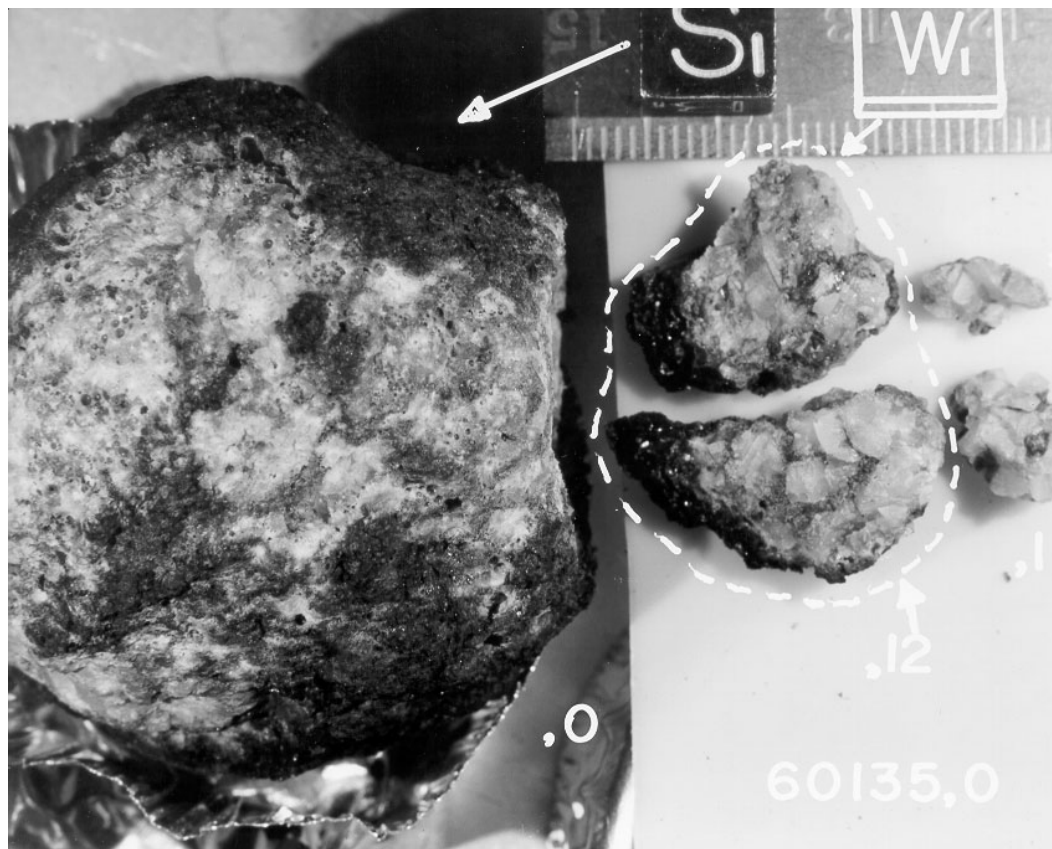


Figure 7: Chipping of 60135 in 1981. NASA S81-41552. Cube is 1 cm.